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Preamble:

The intent of this Charter is to provide a consensus approach for the process of creating each OHIP; and, to provide guidance to the OHIP Executive and Full Team members who work to implement the state health improvement plan. Secondly, it is intended to provide team members and partner organizations with an understanding of the purpose and the approach to be used. The OHIP Charter is intended to be a dynamic document, subject to revision through the life of the work of the OHIP team.

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A host of organizations in Oklahoma are concerned that the health status of Oklahomans ranks near the bottom of all states in the United States. In a significant effort to improve health status, the Oklahoma State Board of Health convened a broadly based group and charged it with developing a statewide health improvement plan. The Oklahoma State Legislature passed Enrolled Senate Joint Resolution No. 41 on March 11, 2008, requiring the Oklahoma State Board of Health to “prepare and return to the Legislature a health improvement plan for Oklahoma for the general improvement of the physical, social, and mental well-being of all people in Oklahoma through a high functioning public health system.” The five-year health improvement plan was initially issued in 2010 and updated in 2015.

The purpose of the OHIP is to improve the health of Oklahomans. It is understood that the health improvement plan is designed to guide investments, define roles of participating organizations, and identify strategies, all to protect and promote the health of Oklahomans, to prevent disease and injury, and to assure the conditions by which Oklahomans can be healthy.

The OHIP Team

Official designated members of the OHIP Team should reflect the views of their respective constituencies and shall be officially designated by the agencies, organizations, or groups they represent. The OHIP Team seeks members who have demonstrated a commitment to the OHIP’s vision, mission and values. These members will provide the foundation for the development of the OHIP and serve in leadership roles during implementation. OHIP Team Members shall serve until a replacement is designated. OHIP Team Members are determined by organizational title; thus are permanent by position and not person. Informed participants, continued active participation, and consistent representation are equally vital for continuity and success during the development and implementation of the OHIP.

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OHIP Team

The *OHIP Team* will provide leadership, guidance, and decision making for the OHIP; serve as an advisory committee; contribute resources to further the mission of the OHIP; promote public health policy that aligns with the OHIP; and communicate information to the agencies, organizations, or groups they represent. Additionally, the *OHIP Team* will develop work groups as needed to address the flagship issues and health systems of the OHIP. The members of the *OHIP Team* are as follows:

- Oklahoma Secretary of Health and Human Services
- Commissioner of Health
- President of the Oklahoma State Board of Health
- Director of the Oklahoma City-County Health Department (OCCHD)
- Chair of the Board of the OCCHD
- Director of the Tulsa Health Department (THD)
- President of the Board of the THD
- Dean of the University of Oklahoma College of Public Health
- Executive Director, Office of Juvenile Affairs
- Senator, Oklahoma State Senate
- Representative, Oklahoma State Legislature
- President, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Oklahoma
- President, Oklahoma Hospital Association
- Vice President of Government Affairs, State Chamber of Oklahoma
- Chair, Oklahoma Health Equity Campaign
- Professor of Pediatrics and Neonatal Medicine, OU Department of Pediatrics
- Chief Executive Officer, Oklahoma Healthcare Authority
- Chief Executive Officer, Oklahoma Primary Care Association
- Director of Legislative Services, Integris Health
- Executive Director, Oklahoma Housing Finance Agency
- Commissioner, Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services
- Deputy Commissioner, Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services
- Deputy Commissioner, Oklahoma State Department of Health
- Executive Director, Tobacco Settlement Endowment Trust
- Chief Executive Officer, Oklahoma City Indian Clinic
- Chair, Southern Plains Intertribal Health Board
- Chair, Oklahoma Turning Point Council
- State Superintendent of Public Instruction
- Member of the Oklahoma Municipal League Board of Directors
- Member of the InterFaith Alliance Board of Directors

These OHIP Team members may make recommendations for consideration for additional appointments for membership by submitting a written request to the Commissioner of Health via OHIP Support Staff. The OHIP Team will make the final determination in regard to membership. OHIP Team Members may send a

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designee to team meetings and these designees may vote on behalf of the OHIP Team Member he or she represents.

OHIP Support Staff

The Oklahoma State Department of Health will contribute staff support to this effort and solicit assistance from Oklahoma City-County Health Department and Tulsa Health Department as necessary. The OHIP Support Staff will be responsible for coordinating OHIP meetings, providing periodic updates, ensuring communication pathways are open, providing technical assistance as needed, and collaborating with OHIP members to prepare and publish periodic reports.

Implementation of the OHIP:

Improving the health status of Oklahomans will require coordination and collaboration between several sectors and among a wide range of partners. Upon completion of the OHIP, the OHIP Team will identify work groups needed to address the issues in the plan. In order to assure that there is representation from the public, private, and voluntary sectors, active participation in the work groups should be inclusive of anyone with a commitment to improving the health of Oklahomans.

The workgroups will be charged with developing workplans to address the flagship issues and health systems as outlined in the OHIP. These groups will employ evidence-based strategies and bring the necessary partners to the table. Workgroups will look to the OHIP Team for support and resources to ensure alignment with the OHIP vision. The workgroups may make recommendations to amend the goals and strategies of the workgroup as listed in the OHIP by submitting a written request to the OHIP Support Staff. The OHIP Team will make the final determination in regard to amendments to the OHIP. Such amendments will not alter the flagship priorities established by the OHIP.